

to explain. The young man stood up and cleared the matter. This satisfied every body. Can even the most advanced nations of the present day offer a better example of freedom of speech?

STORY 44.

HOW A MUSLIM RULER LOOKED AFTER HIS SUBJECTS.

ONE night (Hazrat) Omar was making his usual rounds when he passed by the tent of a Beduine from which came the sound of crying. On enquiry it was found that the Beduine's wife was in great pain on account of childbirth.

(Hazrat) Omar at once came home, took his wife Umni-Kulsoom with him, and came back to the tent of the Beduine. Umni-Kulsoom rendered necessary help to the suffering woman, and after a short time a baby was born. Upon this Umni-Kulsoom called out: "Commander of the faithful congratulate your friend on the birth of the baby."

The Beduine was startled to hear his helper addressed as commander of the faithful, and began to make apologies. But (Hazrat) Omar reassured him saying: "Don't mind friend! Come to me to-morrow, and I will fix some allowance for the new baby born."